CHECKUP

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CHECK COLLECTORS ROUND TABLE

January 1986

JOTTINGS FROM THE FUN SHOW

The usual interested and congenial group of check collectors met for what has become an annual meeting of the Check Collectors Round Table members at the Florida United Numismatist (FUN) convention at Curtis Nixon Hall in Tampa.

Scott Thompson, CCRT director, organized and chaired the Jan. 4 meeting. Bob Spence, CCRT vice president, reported on current developments in the organization. It was evident that a strong check collector base exists and needs a unifying means of communication. The idea of a newsletter for the club was supported.

Scott gave a talk on travelers cheques, particularly those of Wells Fargo and American Express Company. Many examples of cheques of both companies were shown to illustrate his talk--including some that are considered quite rare.

Scott Thompson presents a talk on travelers cheques at the Florida United Numismatists show.

A pleasant surprise to those present was winning one of the numerous door prizes containing checks, donated expressly for this event. New members and visitors attending the meeting were quite pleased.

Bob exhibited a wide selection of British cheques and indicated a cheque collectors society in Britain was making a strong comeback. The usual informal discussion period followed and friendly greetings ended the meeting.

The FUN bourse had over 400 dealers. There were many dealers who had checks in stock which they displayed when asked. Paper money dealers were the best prospects. One dealer had a significant stock of printer's specimen checks of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas of the early 1900s. Foreign checks in numbers were seen for the first time in years.

--Bob Spence

The challenge of your hometown

Ever try to put together a collection of checks of every bank that existed in your hometown or city? This is more difficult and challenging than it appears --even in a small city. It does, however, seem to get other people looking out for checks for you.

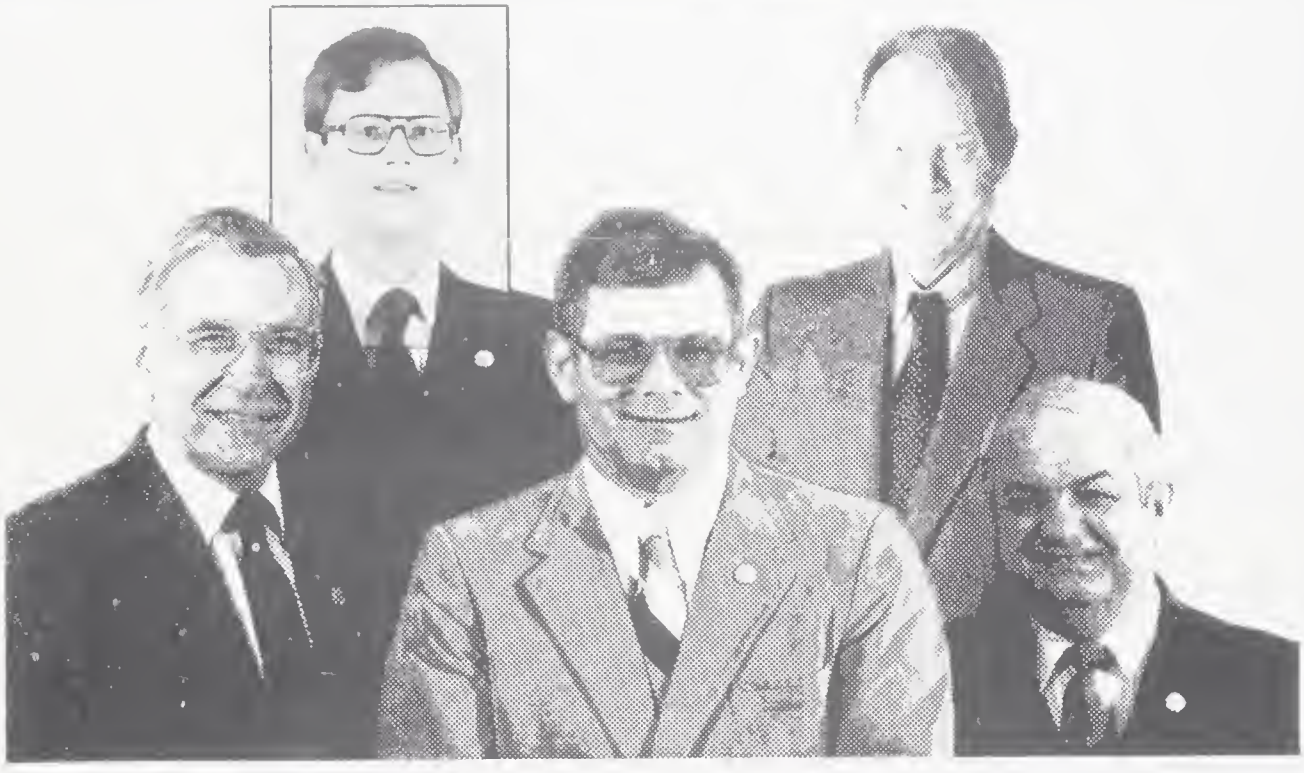
A pleasant collecting thought...

How nice we have a hobby in which it is still possible to find small hoards of old checks. The duplicates are just fine for "traders" and the "run" of checks may show some time-related changes in printers, revenue stamps, bank names, company names, kinds of cancellations.

FLORIDA MEET GETS INK IN COIN WORLD

The Jan. 4 meeting of the Check Collectors Round Table at FUN received an impressive write-up in the Jan. 22 issue of Coin World complete with a photograph of Scott Thompson and Bob Spence. This will be only the first of such news events planned by Bob for 1986!

Working For The Hobby



Dave Harper

With his love for collecting and his sound knowledge of numismatics Dave Harper is well-positioned as editor of Numismatic News. Dave's lifelong hobby devotion gives a special distinction to the news and features presented each week in Numismatic News.

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Secretary's report

by Charles Kemp

This issue of CHEKUP ushers in a new chapter for this organization. I want to emphasize that the dues that present members paid in 1985 will be applied toward 1986. New members who joined in January 1986 got in under the old dues of $8; the new dues in effect by the time you get this CHECKUP will be $10. This dues increase, along with ad revenues for the bulletin and THE CHECKLIST, should be enough to fund the publications.

In 1986, CCRT will also issue a much awaited for and needed membership roster. Anyone who doesn't want their address published should contact me by Feb. 15.

In this issue you will also find a ballot to vote for directors. Please clip it out and mail it in by Feb. 28. If you have any membership questions, please don't hesitate to write me at: 2075 Nicholas Ct., Warren, MI 48092.

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Report on British Cheque Collectors Society happenings

The British Cheque Collectors Society is issuing several bulletins a year. The last six-page issue contained news reports of society meetings, members' comments, advertising, book reviews, etc. A fine job with much interesting reading. Any of our members who may be interested in more information on the BCCS should contact Bob Spence (P.O. Box 69, Boynton Beach, FL 33425) for further details.

British and world checks seems to be coming out of hiding lately, judging by the numbers now appearing on price and auction lists. They differ enough from U.S. checks to be a whole new and fascinating area.

OFFICIAL CCRT BALLOT

Please vote for any five members for positions of director.

__CHARLES KEMP
Warren, Mich.
__KEN HARRISON
Mill Valley, Calif.
__LARRY MARCH
Jacksonville, Fla.
__TREY FOERSTER
Iola, Wis.
__DAVID KEABLE
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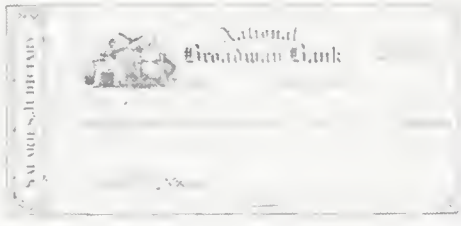
"TWEED RING" CHECKS WITH FAMOUS AUTOGRAPHS



The "Tweed Ring" was composed of a group of New York politicians and their cronies who allegedly stole up to 160 million dollars from the City during the 1860's. According to Tweed's own testimony, "SLIPPERY DICK" CONNOLLY received 20% of the take, JAMES WATSON got 5%, but "TOOTS" HOFFMAN (MAYOR and later GOVERNOR) was clean. Sailor, Indian, Ship, Eagle, and City Seal Vignette.

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With the increased interest in check collecting over the past year, added to a relentless barage of hype and hoopla--not to mention the spice of "brag-a-dose-ia"--from none other than Bob Spence, you see before your eyes the brain hemorrhage of a combined coma of Bob Spence and Trey Foerster.

"Youse guys gotta be outta yer minds wantin'ta put out a monthly reminda," one obviously overdosed paranoid cancellation collector commented.

Well, maybe we are. You see, Bob is known to endure hours of heat prostration trying to track down the 3:15 p.m. name change of the Fifth National Bank of Boynton Beach--rarer even than the 2:15 time name change--in the hot Florida sun. Either that or he's been eating shellfish in months with "Rs." And Trey, well, he graduated from round coins of substance to round vinyl platters most numismatists look at with just a bit of trepidation. He's also known to harbor secret urges to travel to Cuba under the pretense of being an outdoors writer doing a story on bass fishing just to scour the flea markets for old checks from this cigarland. You call these guys normal?

Anyway, this newsletter will hopefully serve your interests in check collecting by bringing you the latest news in the wonderful and whacky world of check, bond, stock, etc. collecting and what's going on with the organization.

If you want to take an active role in shaping the information contained in this newsletter, please start forwarding clippings, ideas, and other tidbits of information to Trey (Rt. 2 Box 1, Iola, WI 54945).

CHECKUP will be bringing you latest member additions and address changes, the current wants of members, timely ads from dealers not only wanting to sell you outstanding merchandise but also support such a timely organizational bulletin.

And remember, it's the doctor's order to take two dealers' price lists, drink poolenty of white wine (breaks down the nasty cholesterol in the system), and manage your stress with proper exercise around a bourse floor at least twice a month!

--Trey Foerster
Checkup Doctor

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